

# TODAY'S WASHINGTON SOCIETY CHAT

## An O. Henry Story Bexar Scrip No. 2692

(Continued From Yesterday.)  
More than that, it would rob a widow and her son of property soon to be of great value, which, if not legally theirs, was theirs certainly by every claim of justice.

But he had gone too far to hesitate. His own survey was in the patent room for patenting. His own title was about to be perfected by the State's own hand.

The certificate must be destroyed. He leaned his head on his hands for a moment, and as he did so a sound behind him caused his heart to leap with guilty fear, but he knew he should rise, a hand came over his shoulder and grasped the file.

He rose quickly, as white as paper, rattling his chair loudly on the stone floor.  
The boy who had spoken to him earlier stood contemplating him with contemptuous and flashing eyes, and quietly placed the file in the left breast pocket of his coat.

"So, Mr. Sharp, by nature as well as by name," he said, "it seems that I was right in waiting behind the door in order to see you safely out. You will appreciate the pleasure I feel in having done so when I tell you my name is Harris. My mother owns the land on which you have filed, and if there is any justice in Texas she will hold it. I am not certain, but I think I saw you place a paper in the file this afternoon, and it is hardly possible that it may be of value to me. Anyway, I shall keep it until tomorrow and let the commissioner decide."

Mr. Sharp's ancestors there have been some of the old berserker blood, for his caution, his presence of mind left him, and left him possessed of a blind, devilish reasoning rage that showed itself at a moment in the white glitter of his eye.

"Give me that file boy," he said, thickly, holding out his hand.  
"I am no such fool, Mr. Sharp," said the young man, "this file shall be handed to the commissioner tomorrow for examination. If he finds—Help! Help!"

Sharp was upon him like a tiger and bore him to the floor. The boy was strong, but Harris was stronger, and the suddenness of the attack gave him no chance to resist. He struggled again to his feet, but it was an animal, with blinding eyes and cruel, looking teeth that fought him, instead of a man.

Mr. Sharp, a man of high standing and good report, was battling for his reputation.  
Presently there was a dull sound, and another, and still one more, and a black flashing white and then red, and Edward Harris dropped down like some stuffed effigy of a man, that boys make for sport, with his limbs all crumpled and his head under the Land Office.

The old watchman was deaf, and heard nothing.  
The little dog barked at the foot of the stairs until his master made him come into the room.

Sharp stood there for several minutes holding in his hand his bloody knife, listening to the cooling of the piteous on the roof, and the loud ticking of the clock above the doorway.

A map rustled on the wall and his blood turned to ice: a rat ran across some strewn papers, and his scalp prickled, and he could scarcely restrain his dry lips with his tongue.

Between the file room and the draftsman's room there is a door that opens on a small dark spiral stairway that winds from the lower floor to the ceiling at the top of the stairs.

This stairway was not used then, nor is it now.  
It is unnecessary, inconvenient, dusty, and dark as night, and was a wonder of the architect who designed the building.

This stairway ends above at the ent-shaped space between the roof and the joists.  
That space is dark and forbidding, and being unused is rarely visited.

Sharp opened this door and gazed for a moment up this narrow cobwebbed stairway.

After dark that night a man peered cautiously into the lower windows of the Land Office, crept up with great circumspection and disappeared in the shadows.

One afternoon, a week after this time, Sharp lingered behind again after the clerks had left and the office closed.

The next morning the first comers noticed a broad mark in the dust in the upstairs floor, and the same mark was observed below stairs near a window.

It appeared as if some heavy and rather bulky object had been dragged along through the limestone dust. A memorandum book with "E. Harris" written on the flyleaf was picked up on the stairs, but nothing particular was thought of any of these signs.

Circulars and advertisements appeared for a long time in the papers asking for information concerning Edward Harris, who left his mother's home on a certain date and had never been heard of since.

After a while these things were succeeded by affairs of more recent interest and faded from the public mind.  
Sharp died two years ago, respected and regretted. The last years of his life were clouded with a settled melancholy for which his friends could assign no reason.

## President and Mrs. Wilson Take Auto Ride New Czecho Slovakian Minister Coming

By EVELYN C. HUNT.

President and Mrs. Wilson took an automobile ride yesterday afternoon. Miss Margaret Wilson paid a number of calls during the afternoon.

The Minister of Norway, H. H. Bryn, has returned after a brief visit in Chicago.

J. E. Lefevre, charge d'affaires of the Panama Legation, will go to New York today to spend a few days with his brother, Ernest T. Lefevre, former president of Panama, who arrived in this country recently from Panama and soon will come to Washington for a visit.

The new minister from Czecho-Slovakia, Dr. Spabanek, is expected to arrive in Washington the latter part of the month, having sailed from Trieste November 8. He will be accompanied by his sister, Miss Spabanek.

Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, who is the guest of Mrs. Copley Amory in New York, is spending the week end in Boston. Col. and Mrs. Hopkins will sail November 20 for Porto Rico to visit Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawrence Hopkins.

POES COMING FOR GLEAVES DANCE.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allan Poe, of Baltimore, have sent out invitations for a dance on Thursday evening in compliment to Miss Evelina Gleaves, daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. Albert Gleaves, U. S. N., who is their house guest. Mrs. Poe accompanied Admiral and Mrs. Gleaves and Miss Gleaves on their tour of the Orient, which lasted a year and returned to this country early in the summer. Miss Gleaves will spend most of the winter with her at her residence on Park avenue.

Sebastiao Sampaio, the commercial attache of the Brazilian Embassy, has returned from a trip to St. Louis.

Gonsalo Montt, recently appointed secretary of the Chilean Embassy here, will arrive in this country early next month.

Miss Alice B. Shepard will go to New York today. She will spend next week-end visiting in Tuxedo Park.

Miss Janet Richards, at her weekly "Talk on Public Questions" this morning at 10:45 at the Knickerbocker Theater, will speak especially of the outstanding features of the Hour, Home and Foreign, with special mention of the first meeting of the fall assembly of the league of nations, which convenes at Geneva, Switzerland, this morning. The expected United States delegation will be "conspicuous by its absence" as the Senate has not yet ratified the peace treaty.

BONNER-HOPKINS WEDDING ANNOUNCED.

The marriage is announced of Amos Lawrence Hopkins, son of Col. and Mrs. Archibald Hopkins of this city, to Miss Mary Campbell Bonner, daughter of Judge Bonner. The ceremony was performed on October 9 in San Juan, Porto Rico. Mr. Hopkins is making his home in San Juan, as he is assistant manager of the branch of the National City Bank of New York. Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, who is the guest for some weeks of Mrs. Copley Amory in New York, is spending this week-end in Boston, but will join Col. Hopkins next week, and will sail for San Juan on November 20 to visit their son and daughter-in-law.

Mrs. Asie J. Grönna, wife of Senator Grönna, has come from her home in North Dakota and is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Cowing.

Miss Elizabeth Wamsley has returned after a visit with Mrs. Alexander Glass in Wheeling, W. Va.

Ralph Totten, consul general at large in Europe, has sailed for home for a vacation. He has been abroad for several years.

Mrs. Robert McKenzie entertained at luncheon Saturday at Cafe St. Marks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tree, of London, have purchased Mirador, at Greenwood, Va., the famous old Langhorne homestead. Mrs. Tree was formerly Miss Nanck Perkins, daughter of one of the famous Langhorne sisters, and her first husband was Henry Field, who died shortly after

breast pocket of the skeleton's coat, there was found a flat, oblong packet of papers, cut through and through in three places by a knife blade, and so completely soaked and rotted with blood that it had become an almost indistinguishable mass.

With the aid of a microscope and the exercise of a little imagination this much can be made out of the letters at the top of the papers:

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Holy Name Rally Planned.

A grand rally, in connection with increasing the membership of the Holy Name Society of St. Dominic's Church, will be held in the Parish Hall, Sixth and F streets southeast, this evening. The committee on arrangements has arranged an exceptional program, among the features being a concert by a military band.

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The bulk of his comfortable fortune was made from the land he bequeathed by law and crime. The disappearance of the file was a mystery that created some commotion in the Land Office, but he got his patent.

It is a well-known tradition in "old" and "vicinity" that there is a buried treasure of great value somewhere on the banks of Shoal Creek, about a mile west of the city.

Three young men living in Austin recently became possessed of what they thought was a clue to the whereabouts of the treasure, and hurriedly they repaired to the place after dark and pried the pickaxe and shovel with great diligence for about three hours.

At the end of that time their efforts were rewarded by the finding of a box buried about four feet below the surface, which they hastened to open.

The light of a lantern disclosed to their view the fleshless bones of a human skeleton with clothing still clinging to its uncanny limbs.



MISS ELIZABETH RUCKER.

One of the most enthusiastic equestriennes in the Capital. Miss Rucker is the "sub-deb" daughter of Maj. and Mrs. W. C. Rucker. Maj. Rucker is the chief medical adviser of the War Risk Bureau.

## Social Calendar

Today

Christ Child Society tea. College Women's Club, tea. The Brazilian Ambassador, Dr. Augusto Cochrane de Alencar, a dinner in honor of the Secretary of State.

Tomorrow

Garfield Memorial Hospital, tea. The Argentine Ambassador, Dr. Tomas A. LeBreton, a dinner in honor of the Secretary of State. Mrs. David W. Taylor, a luncheon at the Cafe St. Marks for here daughter, Miss May Taylor, and in compliment to Miss Ann Craven.

First of the Tuesday evening supper dances at the Maison Dupont.

Wednesday, November 17.

Secretary and Mrs. D. F. Houston, a dinner for the British Ambassador and Lady Geddes. Anthony League weekly tea.

Thursday, November 18.

Wedding of Miss Edith Shephard Wallach and Gaines Gwathmey at Warrenton. Marriage of Mrs. Lily Lykes Rowe and Nelson Shepard. National Pen League and International Literary Association celebration of the Tercentenary of the Pilgrims' Landing at Hotel Lafayette.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiter entertained at luncheon Monday in compliment to Miss Edith Shephard Wallach and her fiancé, Gaines Gwathmey, whose marriage will take place in Warrenton, Va., on Thursday. Miss Wallach and Mr. Gwathmey came to Washington yesterday to be the guests of the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury Blair. Mr. and Mrs. J. Temple Gwathmey will entertain in honor of the bride-elect tonight at a dance at their place, Canterbury Farm.

Col. and Mrs. T. Q. Donaldson and their daughter, Miss Mayne Donaldson, will receive next Sunday afternoon. They were at home informally yesterday afternoon.



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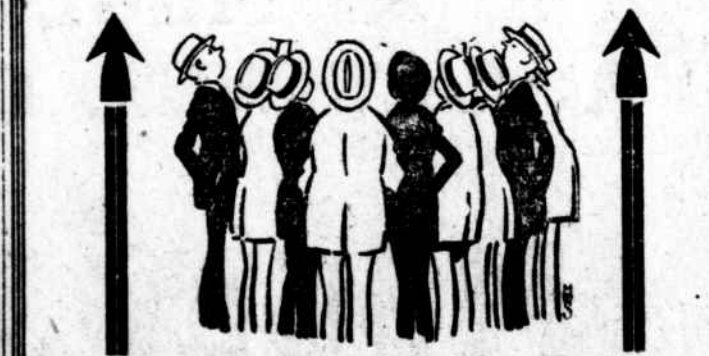
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## Oh, My Stars! HOROSCOPE, November 15, 1920.

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Jupiter rules strongly for good early today, according to astrology, but Mars is in evil place.

The configuration is favorable to all sorts of enterprises that involve initiative and resourcefulness. Manufacturing is subject to a favorable direction of the stars.

While the planetary government seems to forebode conditions that are in every way good for commerce and trade, labor troubles will intervene in many cases, the seers foretell, for Mars is in threatening aspect.

There is a sign today read as presaging contention and difference of opinion among leaders of men. Congress is under a sinister way that may be revealed in bitter speeches and party clashes.

Trouble over division of patronage will come strongly into evidence long before next March, astrologers predict, for menacing stars have power to disturb men and women who occupy places in the Sun.

Music and art are likely to have an impetus through practical methods of bringing them to the people. Oratory, which has been in such demand during the past few months, will become of less esteem henceforth, it is prophesied, because changes in campaign programs in the future.

Fame for a California woman is foretold. This will come through a great public service.

Persons whose birthdate it is have the forecast of an active and successful year, in which money will greatly increase. Young widows will marry.

Children born on this day will have the power to gain high place and hold important positions. They have the augury of great success. Girls should be safeguarded against unhappy marriage, for many of these subjects of Scorpio marry men who are old, and repeat ever afterward.

## Rivers Congress Date Set.

With the issuance of the official notice yesterday the National Rivers and Harbors Congress was all set for its sixteenth annual convention, which will be held in the New Willard Hotel, December 8-10. Maj. Gen. Lansing H. Beach, chief of engineers, U. S. A., will be among the speakers.

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